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As the EPA nears a planned release date for its draft Watershed Assessment of Bristol Bay, the *Anchorage Daily News* says the assessment is needed. In an editorial, "Our View: EPA is doing its job," the state's largest newspaper says the agency is doing exactly what it should be doing, despite legal threats from state officials.

An excerpt of the newspaper's opinion reads: "The EPA has been doing essential work -- sooner (rather) than later. Despite the scale and the stakes, the Parnell administration certainly hasn't taken the initiative, waiting passively for Pebble proposals and opposing any resistance to the project."

In Wisconsin, a former official in Commercial Fisheries with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game writes a letter to the editor supporting EPA action under the Clean Water Act to protect Bristol Bay from mega mining. "Pollution from this mine would devastate the largest existing wild salmon fishery remaining in the world and some of the best trout fishing on the planet," Jeff Skrade wrote.

Lone Star Outdoor News chronicles the "sinister threat to all sportsmen and conservationists" posed by Pebble. Dr. Richard Allen, retired leader of the Dallas Safari Club, writes: "This is an important issue in the Lone Star State as well, as thousands of Texans each year journey to this area of Alaska to enjoy the fabulous fishing, yours truly among them. Over the past seven years I have floated, fished, and camped on eight different rivers in the Bristol Bay watershed and have marveled each time at the phenomenal salmon migration."

The Seward Phoenix Log notices an interesting connection between new Pebble TV ad spokespeople and the Make Alaska Competition Coalition, an oil and gas lobby group. And a new video with Alaska Natives in Nondalton – the closest settlement to the Pebble deposit – interviews villagers who reject the mine. One elder says, "It's going to be too big an impact on the land, the water and the people."

For more information, visit www.savebristolbay.org

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Our View: EPA is doing its job

ADN Editorial

Anchorage Daily News

What the Environmental Protection Agency has been doing with its intensive study of the Bristol Bay watershed is exactly what the EPA should be doing... [Click here to read more](#)

Jeff Skrade: Mining project would devastate Alaska

Jeff Skrade La Crosse WI

LaCrosse Tribune

“Would you like to hear a story?” That was the opening line our Irish priest, Father Kelly, always used to begin his weekly message at our church services in Dillingham, Alaska. I moved to Alaska from Prairie du Chien more than 40 years ago and thought that when I left there, I would never find any place to equal the beauty of the Mississippi valley... [Click here to read more](#)

Texans fight against Alaska Pebble Mine

Dr. Richard Allen

Lone Star Outdoor News

Thousands of miles north of Texas, a sinister threat to all sportsmen and conservationists continues to raise its ugly head. The threat is the proposed Pebble Mine built in the Bristol Bay area of Alaska, a 40,000 square mile wetland with nine major river watersheds, and home to some of the best wild sockeye salmon and trout fishing in the world... [Click here to read more](#)

EPA's Bristol Bay mining study upsets Alaska officials

Becky Bohrer, AP

Anchorage Daily News

The state of Alaska is fighting a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency study that looks at the potential impacts of mining on the world-class Bristol Bay salmon fishery... [Click here to read more](#)

2011 Bristol Bay sockeye harvest was coolest yet

Margaret Bauman

The Cordova Times

A survey of Bristol Bay salmon processors in 2011 season shows that the percentage of chilled salmon delivered by the drift gillnet fleet more than doubled in five years, while the combined chilled harvest of both drift and set netters rose to 48 percent... [Click here to read more](#)

Beware of Pebble and Oil propaganda

Elstun Lauesen

The Seward Phoenix Log

Alaskans dodged the bullet of moving revenues from our treasury to the bonus checks of Big Oil's lawyers and lobbyists this year, but you had better believe they will be back. The Alaska Oil and Gas Association's Executive Director Kara Moriarty promised that they would be back after the collapse of the governor's special session...An amusing sideshow is the apparent cloning of messaging that has recently taken place between Big Oil's propaganda and that of Pebble Mine. I wonder if they are splitting the cost of the same ad agency? [Click here to read more](#)

Bristol Bay fisheries advocates speak with London-based mining firms

Margaret Bauman

The Cordova Times

A contingent of Alaskans concerned that development of the Pebble copper, gold and molybdenum prospect in Southwest Alaska would adversely affect fisheries met in London recently with Anglo American PLC, a major partner in the venture... [Click here to read more](#)

Pebble Mine interviews in Nondalton, AK

Josh Martinez

Hauling Gear Blog

14 hours ago Filmed on location in the remote village of Nondalton, Alaska. These video interviews are part of a growing body of work that I am contributing to the book project: "Where Water is Gold: Bristol Bay and the Pebble Mine" by Carl Johnson... [Click here to view the video](#)

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